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Assistant Commissioner
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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications;

1. United States Serial Number 08/743,798, filed November 5, 1996, now Patent Number 6,096,273; U.S.S.N. 08/873,978, filed June 12, 1997; U.S.S.N. 08/899,510, July 24, 1997, now Patent Number 6,221,583; U.S.S.N. 08/911,085, filed August 14, 1997, now

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Patent Number 6,090,933; U.S.S.N. 09/557,577, filed April 21, 2000; and U.S.S.N. 09/577,429, filed May 22, 2000.

2. U.S.S.N. 08/873,597, filed June 12, 1997; U.S.S.N. 08/911,589, filed August 14, 1997, now Patent Number 6,232,062; and U.S.S.N. 09/660,374, filed September 12, 2000.

3. U.S.S.N. 09/096,593, filed June 12, 1998.

4. U.S.S.N. 09/134,058, filed August 14, 1998, now Patent Number 6,290,839; U.S.S.N. 09/338,726, filed June 23, 1999, now Patent Number 6,264,825; U.S.S.N. 09/440,371, filed November 12, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/520,477, filed March 8, 2000; and U.S.S.N. 09/712,792, filed November 13, 2000.

5. U.S.S.N. 09/238,351, filed January 27, 1999 and 09/621,275 filed July 20, 2000.

6. U.S.S.N. 09/245,105, filed January 27, 1999.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed.

Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

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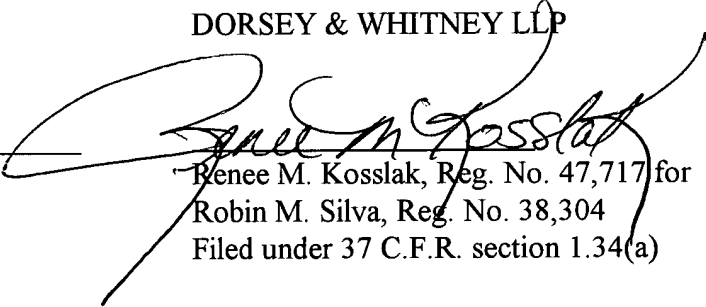
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Respectfully submitted,

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